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## Whistle Up the Watchdog

SEN. KEATING of New York was the first to sound a warning about the Soviet build-up in China. He has been the most persistent, and consistent, of those declining on the way the Kennedy Administration has handled this hot cigar.

This week the Senator was at pains, in remarks on the Senate floor, to say our intelligence services—and specifically the mysterious Central Intelligence Agency—have been "hard at work, working up accurate information."

According to him, there is no "intelligence gap," as some have alleged. The "gap" the Senator charged, is not in the fact-gathering but in what he called the failure of the Administration to pass the facts along to the people.

Coming from Sen. Keating, this applause for the CIA—aid which we long know so little—is comforting. And it helps make the point that Congress

should set up a "watchdog" committee to keep track of what the hush agency is doing. Its operations, secret, need sarily, but if they hear from men like Sen. Keating, a Republican, that the job is not properly done, it can feel more free.

Also, if a bi-partisan committee of Congress is "in the know" with the CIA, it will be less easy for the Administration to hold back facts the public should know.

The CIA watchdog committee was recommended eight years ago by a Hoover Commission task force headed by Gen. Mark W. Clark, World War II hero. It has been urged at the suggestion of Congress by such Democrats as Sens. McCarthy of Massachusetts and Smathers of Florida, and by House man Paul Rogers of Florida.

The idea is sound, safe, urgent, necessary.

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